

EX # 1838

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WAR CRIMES

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF:  
PTE FATEH KHAN of 1 B.P. INF.  
DECLARATION OF JEMADAR ABDUL LATIF.

I, JEMADAR ABDUL LATIF of 4/9 Jat Regt. do solemnly and sincerely declare that :

1. I am Jemadar Abdul Latif of 4/9 Jat. Regt.
2. While in New Guinea as an Indian PW I was a member of 26 Indian Working Party.
3. In April, 1944, I was with 26 Indian Working Party during a march from Wewak towards Hollandia. Pte FATEH KHAN was with me on that march. In the vicinity of BOIKEN he complained to Lt. KASHIMOTO that he was too weak to carry his load and asked that it be lightened. Lt. KASHIMOTO was in charge of the party. He ordered Cpl YAMADA (now deceased) and other Japanese soldiers to bind Pte Fateh Khan's hands and feet and put him in the sea. He was thereupon tied up by four soldiers carried out into 4 feet of water and left there. He drowned, while Lt KASHIMOTO and the other Japanese looked on. I and other Indians now deceased witnessed the incident.
4. I was present at a parade of Japanese soldiers at WEWAK on 9 Nov. 45 the Japanese known to me as Lt. (now Capt) KASHIMOTO and whom I there pointed out to Lt. T. H. LIPSCOMBE of ATIS att. 6 Div. is a member of the Japanese unit which guarded 26 Indian PW Party and is identical with the individual so named in this declaration and with the individual whose photograph is exhibited hereto and numbered 103.
5. I there pointed out to Lt. LIPSCOMBE a Japanese soldier who bound Pte FATEH KHAN's hands and helped to put him in the sea. I now know him to be Sgt. KOBAYASHI who is identical with the individual whose photograph is exhibited hereto and numbered 105.

AND I MAKE THIS solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1911-1922 conscientiously believing the statements contained therein to be true in every particular.

DECLARED in the Field this )  
11th day of November, 1945 )      Abdul Latif Jem

(sgd) JOHN COWAN LOWRY Major  
Officer of AMF

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

(sgd) T. Mornane  
Lt. Col.  
24/9/46.



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四、私ハ一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ十一月<sup>也</sup>日・ウエ  
WAK  
ワクニ於ケル日本兵ノ國兵ニ出席シタ。  
私ガ其處テ第六師團附聯合軍機部、通譯部ノT.H  
/L.H.PSCOMBE/  
リツアスホーム中尉ニ指漏シタカシモト中尉（現  
在六尉）トシテ私ノ知ル所ノ一日本人ハ第二六イ  
ンド付島隊ノ監視ニ當ツタ日本軍部隊ノ一員デ、  
コノ陳述ニ於テ同氏名ヲ以テ捕ゲタル人物ト同一  
ニシテ茲ニ提出セル一〇三號ト番號ヲ標記セル寫  
眞ノ人物ト同一人デアル。  
五、私ハ其處テ兵<sup>HEATH</sup>フア<sup>HEATH</sup>エー・カ<sup>KEANE</sup>インノミ<sup>HEATH</sup>ヲ縛<sup>HEATH</sup>リ彼  
ヲ海ニ投込ムコトラ手傷ツタ一日本兵ヲ<sup>HEATH</sup>リツアス  
COMBE/  
ホーム中尉ニ指漏シタ。私ハ今彼ガコバヤシ車  
曹デアルコトラ知ツタ。彼ハ茲ニ示サレタル第一  
〇五號ノ寫眞ノ人物ト同一デアル。